REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action mailed May 12, 2003, with a shortened statutory period of three months set to expire August 12, 2003. Claims 64-82 are currently pending. With this amendment, claims 64, 66, 69, 74, 77, and 79 have been amended; and claim 76 has been canceled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 66-68, 74, and 79-81 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended these claims to correct the typographical errors. Therefore, this rejection is believed to be overcome.

The Examiner has rejected claims 64, 66-71, 73-74, 76-77, and 79-82 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,330,659 issued to *Poff*. This rejection, as it might be applied to the claims as amended, is respectfully traversed.

Applicants claim a component being displayed using a first object. The first object receives user input, and then sends this user input to a third object. The third object receives the user input and then uses it to determine whether a change in a location of the component is required. If the third object determines that a change is required, the third object generates an event that indicates that a change in location is required. This event is received by a second object that controls the location of the component in response to receiving the event.

The first object is described as being a view controller. The second object is a placement listener. And, the third object is an application mediator.

The Examiner states that *Poff* teaches a first object by teaching a window panel, and teaches a second object by teaching a windows manager. The Examiner further states that *Poff* does not teach a third object, but that it would have been obvious to include an object to transfer an event from the computer system to the windows manager.

Applicants' claims now describe in detail the functionality of the third object. The third object receives user input from the first object. The third object uses this user input to determine whether a change in the location of the first object is required. If such a determination is made, the third object generates an event. This event is received by the second object from the third object. The event indicates that a change in the location of

the first object is required. The second object then controls the location of the first object in response to receiving the event.

Poff does not teach a third object. *Poff* does not teach a third object that receives user input from the window panel. *Poff* does not teach a third object that uses this user input to determine whether a change in the location of the window panel is required. *Poff* does not teach a third object that generates an event if such a determination is made. *Poff* does not teach this event being received by a windows manager from the third object. *Poff* does not teach the event indicating that a change in the location of the window panel is required. *Poff* does not teach the windows manager controlling the location of the window panel in response to receiving the event.

The Examiner has rejected claims 65, 72, 75, and 78 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Poff* in view of "Mastering JavaBeans", by *Vanhelsuwe*. This rejection, as it might be applied to the claims as amended, is respectfully traversed.
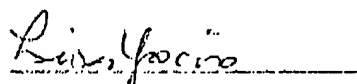
The Examiner states that *Poff* does not teach a placement listener or an application mediator and believes *Vanhelsuwe* to supplies these features.

However, the combination of references fails to teach the combination of features claimed by Applicants because the combination fails to teach: (1) the third object receiving user input from the first object; (2) the third object using this user input to determine whether a change in the location of the first object is required; (3) the third object generating an event if such a determination is made; (4) this event being received by the second object from the third object; (5) the event indicating that a change in the location of the first object is required; or (6) the second object then controlling the location of the first object in response to receiving the event.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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